

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

**A. Generally**

Claims 18-24 remain in this Application. Claims 1-16 were previously canceled. Claim 17 is canceled by these amendments.

**B. Double Patenting**

Claim 17 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5 and 10 of U.S. Patent 6,618,812. Claim 17 has been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 18-24 are patentably distinct from the claims of U.S. Patent 6,618,812. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

**C. Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the current rejection of the claims now pending in this application in view of the above amendments, remarks and arguments. Should any further questions arise concerning this application or in the event the above amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview. Attorney for the applicant may be reached at the number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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